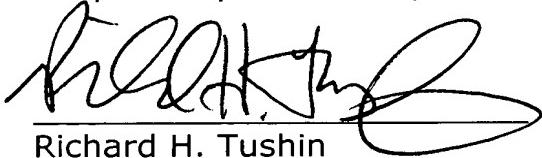


**R E M A R K S**

By this Preliminary Amendment claims 1-22 have been amended to better comply with U.S. practice. Entry is requested.

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